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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 24th March 2023

NCC Cadets spend day with special children

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SSM)- As part of Social Service activity, NCC Cadets and staff of 14 Karnataka Battalion visited Devdan Foundation, a School for Special Children in city recently.

The School caters to the needs of children with multiple disabilities including intellectual disability, cerebral palsy autism and down syndrome.

The School has special curriculum to cater to the various needs of each student as well as having specialist teachers and routines.

The cadets interacted with the students, organised games, cultural activities and yoga for the children. Books, stationery items and snacks were distributed to the students. Prizes were given to winners of various activities.

Commanding Officer Col. Manish Prasad said that 'it is our duty to ensure that the NCC cadets apart from their routine NCC activities must also indulge themselves in certain realistic social service activities and lend their hand towards the society which is a small gesture that shows our commitment towards the community.' JUO D. Aishwarya of JSS College, Ooty Road, said 'the interaction with the children was a lifetime experience and an eye-opener.'

JUO Jahnavi of JSS Women College said that meeting, interacting and playing with these special children was like a dream. "There is so much innocence and simplicity in them. I realised the true sense of social service activity," she added.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

CELEBRATING WATER: ***Jalatarpanam, the unique ritual of offering water, consists of standing in waist-deep water while facing the sun, filling the hands with water and allowing it to fall back. The Ganga is revered as Mother Goddess, where devotees immerse themselves in as well as carry home its water. The Indic tradition holds water not only as a source of survival but as a medium of psycho-spiritual cleansing. The Rig Veda hails water as the reservoir of all curative medicines. Water is one of the five mahabhutas, great elements and its association with health is due to its function as a healing and regenerating agent. In psycho-mythological literature, water is regarded as the symbol of the unconscious and is connected to the moon. It is often depicted as an inverted triangle. Water in the Chinese tradition is yin, feminine, its flow is downward and its energy is one of stillness and conserving. Water's virtue lies in its deep nurturance of all things and beings. Using this quality, ancient sages advised virtuous people in a leading position to be nurturing, gentle and accommodating. Water evocations are felt beside others, in the fresh smell after the rain and in the tranquillity of the murmuring river. And as the playfulness of children's immediate response, either by jumping into puddles or splashing water. As for adults, there is no better proof than from the Gene Kelly film 'Singin' in the Rain.' [World Water Day was celebrated on Mar. 22]*** —*Homayun Tabu in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

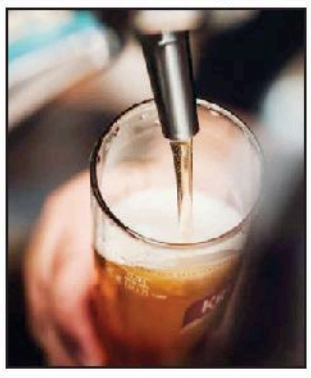
The world's most expensive mansion

London: The Holme, a 205-year-old London mansion is currently on the market for an eye-watering 250 million pounds (300 million dollars), which makes it the world's most expensive mansion.

Known as the "White House of Regent's Park", because of its massive scale and similar style facade as that of Washington DC's iconic presidential residence, The Holme features 40 bedrooms, eight garages, a tennis court, a sauna, a library, and a "grand dining room", as part of its 29,000 sq ft of living space. Built in 1818 by Georgian property developer James Burton, The Holme served as a residence for the Burton family, before being used by Bedford College for several decades. It became a private residence in the 1980s and has been on the market several times since, fetching astronomical prices every time.

Today, it is being sold for 250 million pounds (300 million dollars), the highest price set for any mansion, ever.

Powder beer could change industry



Neuzelle: Neuzeller Klosterbräu, a brewery in eastern Germany, claims to have devised a way to create a powdered beer that, when mixed with water, tasted almost exactly like the original liquid beverage.

German brewery Neuzeller Klosterbräu claims to have come up with a process to create any type of beer in powdered form, alcohol and carbonation included. All anyone has to do is add water and they are left with a regular beer.

"It's the world's first complete beer in powdered form and it could change the world," Stefan Fritsche, the brewery's Managing Director said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Eating iron rich food like green leafy vegetables, broccoli, fruits, dark chocolate, red meat can prevent iron deficiency state

By Dr. Giripunja M. - Consultant – Haematology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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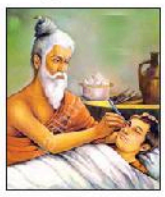
LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Statue of 'Maharshi Sushruta' to be unveiled at MMC&RI tomorrow



Mysuru, Mar. 24- Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI), Mysuru and MMC Alumni Association, have organised a function to inaugurate the statue of 'Maharshi Sushruta', the Father of Surgery, tomorrow (Mar.25) at 11 am, at the newly constructed Academic and Library building in the Old Exhibition campus adjoining the Medical College.

Dr. G.N. Narayana Reddy, 93-year-old alumnus of Mysore Medical College and former two-time Director of NIMHANS, Bengaluru, will be the chief guest and unveil the statue.

Dr. M.A. Shekar, Vice-Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University, B.G. Nagar, Bellur; Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, noted Surgeon and Dr. S. Chandrashekar, President, MMC Alumni Association, will be the guests of honour. Dr. K.R. Dakshayini, Dean and Director, MMC&RI, will preside.

The installation of Sushruta's statue was conceptualised two years back and donated by Dr. C.G. Narasimhan, an alumnus of Mysore Medical College.

Made of black stone (Krishna Shile), the 6 ft. tall statue with a pedestal is sculpted by city's renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who has carved the statues of Adi Shankaracharya at Kedarnath and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate in Delhi.

It is noteworthy that no other Medical College in the country has a statue of Sushruta, claimed Dr. Narasimhan adding that the statue will be a blessing for Mysore Medical College which will be celebrating its centenary from August 2023 to September 2024.

Recruitment of Anganwadi Workers and Helpers

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SSM)- The Child Development Project Officers of Biligere, T. Narasipur and Nanjangud taluk, have invited applications from eligible women for the vacant Anganwadi Worker and Anganwadi Helper posts vacant at their respective limits on honorarium basis. There are six Anganwadi Worker posts and 15 Anganwadi Helper posts vacant in T. Narasipur.

For details about vacant posts in Biligere call Ph: 08221-297171 and at Nanjangud taluk call Ph: 08221-226168 and T. Narasipur on Ph: 08227-297276 or 080-261267. Applications must be submitted before April 17 by 5.30 pm at their respective Child Development Project Officer's Office.

REALLY...?

- ***Camels are very strong and can carry up to 900 pounds for 25 miles a day. Camels can travel at up to 40 miles per hour – the same as a racehorse!***
- ***When a camel does find water, it can drink up to 40 gallons in one go.***
- ***Their humps let them store up to 80 pounds of fat which they can live off for weeks and even months!***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Do you drink? Girl's father asked Santa.

Santa: *First tell me whether it's a question or invitation?!*

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A day after conviction

Rahul Gandhi as MP DISQUALIFIED

New Delhi, Mar. 24 (Agencies)- The Parliament this noon disqualified Opposition Congress party leader Rahul Gandhi as an MP a day after a Surat Court found him guilty of defamation and sentenced him to two years in prison, according to a Parliament notice.

Rahul Gandhi, 52, was convicted yesterday for a 2019 speech in Kolar, Karnataka, where he had referred to 'thieves as having the surname Modi.' The Court granted him bail immediately and suspended the sentence for a month.

Rahul Gandhi

Though Rahul Gandhi was granted bail and his sentence was suspended for 30 days to let him appeal the decision, the Court's order put him at risk of automatic disqualification as an MP under the law.

Former Congress leader and Supreme Court Advocate Kapil Sibal said that Rahul stands automatically disqualified as an MP with his two-year jail sentence. "If it (the Court) only suspends the sentence that's not enough. There has to be a suspension or stay on conviction," Sibal said.

Former IB Officer R.N. Kulkarni Murder Case

District Court rejects bail application of prime accused

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (RK&KS)- City's First Additional District and Sessions Court yesterday rejected the bail application of the prime accused in the former Intelligence Bureau (IB) Officer R.N. Kulkarni's murder and has reserved its order on the bail plea of another accused for today.

Kulkarni

Manu Gowda, who has been named as the first accused and Varun Gowda, the second accused, had filed separate bail applications at the First Additional District and Sessions Court in city.

Public Prosecutor Lakshmidevamma argued on behalf of the Government in both the bail pleas and Judge Saraswathi, who heard the arguments from both sides, rejected the bail application of Manu Gowda yesterday.

The bail plea hearing of second accused Varun was also completed yesterday and the Judge has reserved the order for today.

It may be recalled that the former IB Officer was fatally knocked down by a car when he was on his routine evening stroll in Manasagangothri campus at about 5.45 pm on Nov. 4 by his (Kulkarni) neighbour Madappa's younger son Manu Gowda (prime accused) with the help of his friend and co-accused Varun Gowda. The two were arrested by the Police three days after the incident.

Prof. N.K. Lokanath is new VC of Mysore University

Outgoing in-charge Vice-Chancellor Prof. Muzaffar H. Assadi greeting the new VC of Mysore University Prof. N.K. Lokanath (right) with a bouquet yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (RK,GA&BCT)- Prof. N.K. Lokanath has been appointed as the new full-time Vice-Chancellor (VC) of the University of Mysore (UoM) last evening and he took charge from the in-charge VC Prof. Muzaffar H. Assadi, who is the Dean, Faculty of Arts, Department of Studies in Political Science.

The Under-Secretary to the Governor, who is also the Chancellor of the University, issued a notification about the appointment of Prof. Lokanath as the new VC.

Prof. H. Rajashekar, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce, Department of Studies in Commerce, had been appointed as the acting VC after Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar completed his tenure as VC on Nov. 15, 2022. Later on, Prof. Muzaffar Assadi was appointed as the next in-charge Vice-Chancellor.

Prof. Lokanath, who served as the Director of the University Planning and Monitoring and Evaluation Board (PMEB), has been appointed as the VC for a period of four years with effect from the date of assumption of office or till he attains the age of 67 years whichever is earlier, said the notification.

(See NEW VC on page 7)

To Our Readers

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free health check-up camp

R. Kumar (HUDCO), Convenor of city's H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga has organised a free health check-up camp for citizens at Vishwanandana Park close to HUDCO Ganesha Temple in Kuvempunagar coming under MCC Ward No. 47, at 7am on Mar. 26. For details, contact Mob: 98452-75741.

Special Lecture

Lions Club of Mysore Ambassadors has organised a programme to celebrate Women's Day at Vijayanagar Sports Club in Vijayanagar First Stage, Mysuru, on Mar. 26 at 7.30 pm. Dr. S.S. Janhavi, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, KSOU, will deliver a special lecture on the occasion. Club President Ln. M. Shivakumar will preside while Secretary Ln. T.H. Venkatesh and Treasurer Ln. Mahadev Prasad will be present. The programme is sponsored by Ln. N. Rakesh. Sewing Machines to unemployed women will be distributed on the occasion, according to a press release.

Coaching camp

City's Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation has organised a coaching camp for the written exam to be conducted by KPSC for direct recruitment of Accounts Assistants (242 posts). Interested eligible candidates can register for the coaching camp that commences from Mar. 27 at the Foundation Office, located on Gen. K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar second stage in city. For details and registration, contact Ph:0821-2301564 or Mob: 99457-52592.

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Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Yesterday	:	2,261.18	feet
Inflow	:	77	cusecs
Outflow	:	83	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,824.60	feet
Inflow	:	466	cusecs
Outflow	:	900	cusecs

Absence of MCC Standing Panel Heads

Ex-Mayor alleges massive corruption

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (MTY&DM)- Claiming that Mayor Shivakumar had run away from meetings to elect the Heads of MCC Standing Committees, which posts are vacant for months, former Mayor and senior Congress leader Ayub Khan alleged that rampant corruption was taking place in the last 7-8 months under BJP rule in the absence of Standing Committees' Chairmen.

Addressing a press meet at the Opposition Leader's chamber in the MCC here yesterday, Ayub Khan, who is also a current Corporator, said that the Mayor had blatantly flouted the general norm that the Heads for all the MCC Standing Committees should be elected within seven days of the Mayoral polls. But now the norm has been given a go by and the Standing Committees have no Chairpersons to head them, which has severely hampered the development works, he maintained.

Noting that the Congress had staged a protest by locking up the Mayor's Office in the past, Ayub Khan said that the Mayor who had cited his ill health for abstaining from meetings, is now taking umbrage under Assembly poll preparations.

Recalling that only three MCC Council meetings were held when Sunanda Palanetra was the Mayor earlier, he charged the incumbent Mayor of not making any preparations for the Budget, which should be presented before Mar. 31 as is the practice. Arguing that developmental works would be severely hit if the budget is not presented by the end of March, he said that the Budget cannot be presented without the Constitution of Finance Standing Committee. "I have not seen a Mayor who runs away from discussing crucial issues like the incumbent Shivakumar. The Mayor has held only two meetings so far in his eight months of power. These two meetings too were cut short as the Opposition confronted the Mayor on several crucial issues. The Mayor is refraining from holding elections for electing the heads of Standing Committees out of fear that corruption and scams of the ruling BJP may come out," he said adding that officials too are hand in glove with corrupt deals that are going on in the MCC. He urged Mayor Shivakumar to convene the MCC meeting at the earliest for the election of Standing Committee Heads.

Former Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Corporators Arif Hussain, Sridhar, Gopi, Shobha Sunil, Rajani Annaiah, Lakshmi Kumar, Shivakumar, Satyaraj, Lokesh Piya, Hazira Seema, Pallavi Begum and others were present.

Protest demonstration

The Opposition Congress yesterday staged a unique demonstration in protest against the adjournment of the MCC Council Meeting for electing the Chairmen of MCC Standing Committees.

Upset over the postponement of the meeting for the third consecutive time, the Congress Corporators shouted slogans in front of the Mayor's chamber for some time. Later, they entered the Mayor's chamber and brought out the Mayor's chair and pasted a poster of a donkey on it, as a means of registering their protest.

They accused Mayor Shivakumar of deliberately postponing the polls for electing the Heads of MCC Standing Committees, which are long pending.

This was the third time that the Meeting had been postponed this year after the one on Feb. 2 and the second one earlier this month.

Hunsur Police return 19 recovered mobile phones to owners

Hunsur, Mar. 24 (Raghu&KS)- Hunsur Police, who have recovered 19 smartphones which were stolen by miscreants have returned the phones to the rightful owners after verifying the documents.

Following complaints of mobile phones being snatched or stolen in Hunsur Town Police limits, the Police, who swung into action, provided the International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) numbers of the stolen mobile phones to the service providers and had requested them to provide the SIM numbers and locations of the stolen mobile phones which were active.

After receiving the information, the Police recovered 19 mobile phones worth about Rs. 2,79,790 and have returned them to the rightful owners.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar, Additional SP Dr. B.N. Nandini and DySP M.K. Mahesh guided Hunsur Town Circle Inspector S.M. Devendra, District Police CDR Cell's Sunitha and staff in the tracing and recovery of the stolen mobile phones.

Former Minister Anjanamurthy passes away

Anjanamurthy

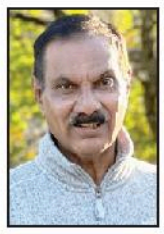
Bengaluru, Mar. 24- Senior Congress leader Anjanamurthy (77), who had served as a Housing Minister and Deputy Speaker, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru yesterday. He was admitted to the hospital two days ago following breathing problems.

A resident of Indira Nagar in Nelamangala, Bengaluru rural district, Anjanamurthy had contested three times from Nelamangala and had served as a MLA and then as a Housing Minister in 2005. He had also served as the Chairman of Karnataka SC/ST Commission from 2003 to 2004.

Born on April 10, 1941, Anjanamurthy was an active participant in the activities of the Congress party and had served as the Congress General Secretary of Bangalore Rural District from 1980 to 1982. In 1993, he was elected unopposed as the Deputy Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

Obituary

A.L. Balakrishna Swamy

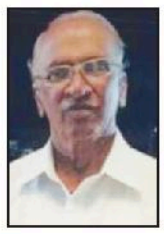


Mysuru, Mar. 24- A.L. Balakrishna Swamy (65), a resident of Vinayakanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

The body will be donated to Chamarajanagar Medical College today as per his wish.

M.R. Ganesh Singh



M.R. Ganesh Singh (84), former Government Press Club football player, referee and Governing Council member of Karnataka State Football Association, passed away yesterday night in city.

A resident of Soppinakere in Mandi Mohalla, he leaves behind his wife, two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds this noon.

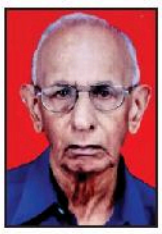
G.D. Jagadeesh

G.D. Jagadeesh (72), a resident of Kuvempunagar E&F Block, passed away on Mar. 22 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, three grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Maj. Gen. (Retd.) N. Subbarao



Maj. Gen. (Retd.) N. Subbarao (93), an Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM) recipient and a resident of Yadavagiri 1st Main, passed away on Mar. 22 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held on the same day at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

VOICE OF THE READER

Repair potholes near Jayanagar Railway Crossing

Sir,

We would like to bring to the notice of authorities concerned that there are potholes on either side of the road near Railway Crossing at Jayanagar in the city. Even four-wheelers like cars and other vehicles cannot move easily. Any negligence, the two-wheeler riders may fall off the vehicle. It has been five months since the road users are put to trouble by the Mysuru City Corporation, which is still dilly-dallying to take up the works.

Recently, the overhead metal bars were installed, followed by road humps, which are not in order. Hope officials concerned will get it repaired immediately.

— Y.V. Badarinath
Retd. Dy. Commercial Manager
Mysuru
2.2.2023

Global Education Trust honours Yaduveer

Royal Family Member Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar was honoured by Global Education Trust Chairman P. Jayachandra Raju and his family members as a token of appreciation following the interactive session organised at the Mysore Palace Board in city recently to discuss about the book 'India and the United Nations' authored by Jayachandra Raju, who is also the former UN Professional and Chairman of Daksha College, Mysuru. Global Education Trust Vice-Chairperson Anitha Umashankar, Secretary Sonia Umapathy, Managing Director Gowtham Raju, Daksha Degree College Principal Dr. Ramya, Daksha PU College Principal M. Abhishek and Development Director Ratnakar Shanbhag were also present on the occasion.

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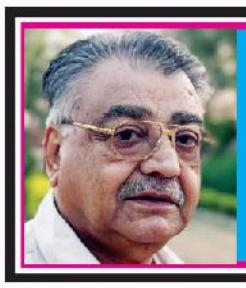

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Defamation: Rahul Gandhi convicted

Lessons to learn for our law-makers

I was surprised to learn from TV yesterday that Congress leader, Lok Sabha MP, Rahul Gandhi was found guilty in a criminal defamation case filed in Surat, Gujarat and sentenced to two years in prison. As expected, soon all hell broke loose in the Congress camp. It was a case filed in 2019 over his remarks about Prime Minister Narendra Modi made in a public speech in Kolar, Karnataka, during the ensuing Parliamentary election. Mentioning the names of two fugitive businessmen Nirav Modi and Lalit Modi, who were accused of cheating the banks, Rahul Gandhi had said, "How come all thieves have the common surname Modi?"

Like Julius Caesar, who once retorted to a cringing convict pleading mercy, saying, 'What I have said, I have said. Be gone from Caesar,' the Surat Court has said what it has. Now it is for Rahul Gandhi, who is given 30 days bail to appeal, to go to the next Higher Court in appeal seeking relief and deliverance. It will certainly take long for this case to be played out, probably going beyond the 2024 Parliamentary elections.

My guess is that this judgement by the Surat Court will be a turning point in the **political life** of Rahul Gandhi and, who knows, in the **political history** of our country as happened with the 1975 judgement of the Allahabad High Court in the elections case of the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. As for the people of our country this is a real political pot-boiler.

The experience of many advocates who have handled defamation cases which come in a package of two-in-one, in the form of Civil Defamation and Criminal Defamation, and that of the complainants and defendants can be described in the words of the celebrated Supreme Court Advocate Fali S. Nariman. He said, "Defamation actions in India are a luxury and a dangerous luxury at that, that they are too often filed in a hurry, and repented only at leisure. And then it is too late. I dissuade clients from filing such actions — civil or criminal."

Rahul Gandhi *[Pic. courtesy: Internet]*

Observing the affirmation and adamancy in the Congress challenge, the case could go on and on no end as an unedifying spectacle for the "jollification" of the TV viewers, online portal addicts and the readers of newspapers. All this 'trials and tribulations' could have ended with an apology in the Surat Court, not having to go to the Supreme Court as Rahul had earlier done. This was how the case Fali S. Nariman wrote about in his autobiography ended.

Be that as it may, I would like to take this opportunity to share my own experience once again with my readers by republishing my *Abracadabra* dated January 11, 2018. **Today, five years after I wrote it, an opportunity has presented itself to our law-makers to discharge their primary responsibility as law-makers.** Personally, I am against any law, specially criminal law, that retains the British colonial flavour. Now read on.

SC upholds journalists' Freedom of Expression'

Ah! Supreme Court !! It was the only good news for me as a life-long journalist. The newspapers headlined it variously but the one I liked read, ***"Supreme Court upholds journalists' Freedom of Expression."***

Before I come to the case in which this journalist-friendly judgement came from the highest Court of our country, let me quote here what the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra said: *"There could be some error or enthusiasm in reporting an alleged scam. But we must allow Freedom of Speech and Expression to Press at the fullest. There may be some wrong reporting. For that they need not be hauled up for defamation."*

The reason for the people, specially those whose name is connected with a scam, scandal or an offence, to rush to the Court and file a criminal or civil defamation case, at the drop of a hat as they say, is that our Constitution does not separate the Right of "Freedom of Speech and Expression" from that of a citizen of our country and the journalists who work for the print and electronic (TV, radio and now the social) media. This has inhibited the media from taking, what we call, "poetic liberty" while reporting news about people and events.

In the changed world of journalism, our law-makers should take note of the observation made by the Supreme Court in this case, filed against the heavy-weight journalists Rajdeep Sardesai and Raghav Bahl by the daughter of a former Bihar Minister Parveen Amanullah, and proceed to either amend the Constitution or make appropriate law providing **immunity** from filing false and frivolous **criminal defamation** cases against them, as in the present case.

It may be recalled that some time back there was a debate and discussion at some quarters about annulling the provisions of the **criminal defamation** and providing only for **civil defamation** which will save the accused (journalist) from taking bail and being present in the Court for each hearing. And the hearing would, as we know in India, go on for decades! However, the issue was not taken to its logical end leaving it as it was in the IPC and Cr.PC.

It is the experience of newspapers and TV channels that the Court at the entry point simply takes on record any defamation case filed before it. In contrast, if a private criminal complaint of other nature is filed before the same Court, because the Police have refused to accept the complaint, often such private complaints are either rejected at the entry itself or referred to the same Police to 'investigate and report'!

The complaint may, thereafter, be taken on record or rejected. I wish the same approach was taken while admitting the criminal defamation case. As for civil defamation, this problem does not arise as the complainant pays a Court fee as prescribed.

However, this is the very reason for people to file **criminal defamation** because it is FREE except for Advocate's fee.

I have seen all this in my life, like many other journalists. Imagine a third-class licensed contractor in Madikeri, Kodagu, gets a contract for making a road. Complaints were made about the poor quality of the road for which the bill was paid. The complainants invited journalists for inspection of the road and the report appeared in *'Mysuru Mithra'* our Kannada sister publication in single column quoting the local political leader.

I was the Editor, then, of the paper and one day, a month after the news was published, I get a summons. Apparently, the Judge did not read the IPC Section 499 relating to Defamation which talks about **'intention', 'public good'** and **'good faith.'** Sad. I engage a lawyer. I pay him a fee. One day my Madikeri Manager told me the case was dismissed as the complainant did not attend the Court etc. Thank God.

In another case I got the criminal defamation case compromised and withdrawn or whatever, paying over a lakh of rupees to the complainant. How long can I go to Madikeri to attend the case or how many times can my lawyer file a memo saying I am sick or give some silly excuse. Exemption from appearance too was rejected... Hell. Paid the price and came out of it after a year. I know there are many who are still caught in this web. Once I asked a couple of senior, famous journalists of National papers at a seminar to do something about this **'blackmailing of journalists in a legal way,'** but they did not seem to take me seriously.

The late Editor of *'Outlook'* magazine Vinod Mehta too had written in his *'Delhi Diary'* column about his experience in attending the Court for a couple of years, the nauseating atmosphere with the stink of toilet making him want to puke etc. To his good luck, the Judge of the Court read this column and in the very next hearing dismissed the case and he was discharged. Alleluia!

It is for these reasons, I appreciate the 'courage' of our Chief Justice in saying what he had said about defamation cases against media. **I remember the US Attorney General Michael Mukasey saying: "Not every wrong, or even every violation of the law, is a crime."** I also remember Justice Lentin of Bombay High Court in an interview, given to *Indian Express* magazine on 13th September, 1987, saying that: **"In determining Justice I see no reason not to bend the laws to help someone who deserves to be helped. This is perfectly tenable in law."**

I guess, our present CJI Dipak Misra is one such Judge like Justice Lentin. May his tribe increase.

And before I forget, I would like to remind our law-makers and also the adjudicators of the law that old order must change yielding place to new to have a peaceful, equitable society. What I mean is that a suitable amendment to the law be made in this regard because our Holy books are inevitably sticking to the 'old order' not even allowing new equitable law to be passed to bring in **social justice**. Let Justice prevail.

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UoM presents Rs. 85.40 crore deficit budget for 2023-24

Academic Council meeting held

University of Mysore Finance Officer Sangeetha Gajanan Bhat** (extreme right in green saree) **presented the budget at the Academic Council meeting of UoM at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri this morning. Others seen are** (from left) **UoM Registrar (Administration) V. R. Shylaja, Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. K. Lokanath and Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. A.P. Gnana Prakash.

Mysuru, Mar.24 (RK&BS)- For the financial year 2023-24, the University of Mysore (UoM) has a deficit budget of Rs. 85.40 crore, staring at the challenges to shore up revenue from various sources.

Finance Officer of the Varsity, Dr. Sangeetha Gajanan Bhat who tabled the outlay during the fourth Academic Council meeting of UoM at Vijnana Bhavan, Manasagangothri this morning, said that "The expected revenue is Rs. 347.16 crore and expenditure Rs. 432.56 crore. The deficiency in the revenue can be attributed to the less grants towards pension — less by Rs. 56 crore in financial year 2022-23 and Rs. 63 crore in 2023-24 — received from the State Government. To balance the situation, stress will be on cutting down unnecessary expenses and spending only on necessary expenses."

MLC C.N. Manjegowda, who is also the Member of UoM Academic Council, raised the need for providing quality food at the hostels (of the University), as Rs. 8 crore has been set aside for the purpose in the fiscal year 2023-24. As the hostel inmates stage frequent protests over the poor quality of food, the focus should be on maintaining the quality of food, he told the Officials attending the meeting.

Syndicate meeting postponed

Meanwhile, the Syndicate Meeting of University of Mysore, scheduled this evening, has been postponed.

Prof. N.K. Lokanath is new VC

'Will take Varsity to newer heights'

(Continued from page 3)

The Search Committee constituted by the State Government had recommended three names including Prof. Lokanath to the Government and a decision has been taken accordingly. The others who were recommended were Prof. Sharath Anantha-murthy and Prof. D.S. Guru. The Governor-Chancellor was apprised of the Government's choice and the appointment order was issued.

Speaking to Star of Mysore after assuming charge, Prof. N.K. Lokanath said that he was lucky and happy to sit on the chair of his mentor and teacher Prof. J. Shashidhar Prasad, who served as the UoM VC from 2003-2007.

"I will strive to further enhance the quality and reputation of this historical University. While many Professors from Physics became the VCs of other Universities, I am the first from the Physics Department of Mysore University to be appointed as the VC of the same University," Prof. Lokanath said.

He said that he is familiar with the academic and learning environment of the University and has worked closely with the students, faculty and the administrative staff. "As the PMEB Director, I have innate knowledge and insights into the working of the University and I will strive my best to function within the rules and restrictions of the University. I am also aware of the problems; providing quality education and increasing the prestige of the University will be my priority," the VC added.

He said that he will launch new projects in the University within the framework of the University Grants Commission (UGC) and will enter into collaboration with foreign Universities. "As the Government has set up many new Universities, the University of Mysore will be limited to the Mysuru district. New plans will be formulated to attract students from other districts with attractive courses, career programmes and other schemes," Prof. Lokanath said.

'The Jail and Other Tales' book release on Mar. 26

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SSM) - Mysore Literary Association (MLA) has organised a programme at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium in Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase in city on Mar. 26 (Sunday) at 10.30 am to release the book 'The Jail and Other Tales' authored by Dr. Lata Muthanna.

Mysore Literary Association President Prof. K.C. Belliappa will release the book.

For details call Mob: 94498-19536 or 99001-52341, according to a press release.

Workshop on Gastroenterology and Gastro Intestinal Surgery

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SSM)- Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru and Endoscopy Education Trust in association with API and ASI Mysore Chapter have organised GI Update-2023, a two-day workshop on 'Gastroenterology and Gastro Intestinal Surgery EUS, 3rd Space Endoscopy and Laparoscopy' at Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel in city on Mar. 25 and 26. The workshop will be inaugurated at 12.30 pm tomorrow.

World renowned experts and doctors will deliver talks on most recent techniques, tactics and the avantgarde technologies in gastrointestinal therapeutics at this conference.

Prof. Hironori Yamamoto, Director, Endoscopy Centre, Jichi Medical University Hospital, Tochigi, Japan; Dr. D. Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman of Asian Institute of Gastroenterology, Hyderabad; Dr. Naresh Bhat, Chief of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, Atser CMI Hospital, Bengaluru; Dr. H. Ramesh, Surgical Gastroenterologist and Liver Transplant Specialist, Lakeshore Hospital, Kochi; Dr. Amit Maydeo, Director of Baldota Institute of Digestive Sciences, Global Hospitals, Mumbai and Dr. N.S Nagesh, Director of IGOT, Victoria Hospital Campus, Bengaluru, will be the guests of honour.

Shivanubhava Dasoha Lecture

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SSM) - The 299th Shivanubhava Dasoha lecture, held under the aegis of Sri Shivarathreeshwara Religious Endowment on the last Saturday of each month, will be held at #263, JSS Layout 2nd Stage, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Nagar, Mysuru, on Mar. 25 at 6 pm.

Dr. H.M. Kalashri, Associate Professor, Kannada, Maharani's Arts College for Women, will speak on the topic 'Samanateya Harikara Devara Dasimaiah.'

Theatre artiste and Director H. Vishwanath (Taranga Vishwa) will preside. Sri Shivarathri Bhajana Mandali, Lalithadri Mahila Vedike, Mysuru and Sri Gurumalleshwara Bhajana Sangha will render Bhajans at the event sponsored by Maheshwari and B.V. Umakantha. For details, call Ph: 0821-2548212.

Applications invited for starting PU Colleges

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (SSM)- The Department of Pre-University Education has invited applications from private educational institutions and Trusts for starting new unaided PU Colleges from the academic year 2023-24.

The application forms can be downloaded from the Department website *www.pue.kar.nic.in*

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Excise Control Rooms set up to curb liquor movement

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (BCT)- Even before the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct in the district for the forthcoming Assembly elections, the Excise Department has strengthened its actions against unauthorised sale of liquor besides curbing the movement of liquor across the district and the Constituencies that come under it.

The Department has drawn up an elaborate plan in accordance with the Election Commission of India's guidelines to curb the use of liquor power in the elections. While the liquor is supplied to all types of outlets, bars and restaurants, clubs and other watering holes, Illegally Distilled (ID) liquor poses a major challenge to prohibition.

Apart from Non-Duty Paid Liquor (NDPL), the Excise officials have increased vigilance on liquor supplies to check the stocks. Supplies are also set to be regulated and officials will keep a close vigil on locally brewed liquor in the market, especially in rural areas.

The Department has set up Control Rooms including the Office of Deputy Commissioner of Excise, Deputy Superintendent of Excise and in all taluks. The Control Room will check illegal sales, to curb the movement of liquor, illegal procurement, storing and manufacturing.

The public can lodge their complaints by dialling the following numbers if they encounter any illegal activities. The names of the informers and whistle-blowers will be kept a secret.

The Joint Commissioner of Excise has said that the Control Room will be functional till the election process is over. He also urged the public to alert the Department on phones: 0821-2340269 or 98453-82905. The rural Excise Deputy Commissioner's Office can be contacted on Ph: 0821-2529184 or 1800-4259184.

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6	Inspector of Excise, Periyapatna Range	0822-297373	91644-72271
7	Inspector of Excise, H.D. Kote Range	08228-297195	96110-44444

Children below 18 years can't be part of election campaign

New Delhi, Mar. 24 (Agencies)- Taking serious note of the involvement of children under the age of 18 years in the Assembly election campaigns, the Election Commission of India (ECI) said strict action will be taken against the candidates and parties as per rules if any child was found campaigning.

The ECI stated that the Child Welfare Committee had brought to its notice that many candidates were using minors for the election campaigns. "It has been reported that children are often used in multifarious activities by various political parties during the election campaigns, which is in violation of the rights of children," the ECI said.

According to Election Commission guidelines, the District Election Officers will be personally held responsible for employing children to carry electronic voting machines and other paraphernalia and will be liable to face severe disciplinary action apart from facing the consequences of the law.

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights was serious about such activities and therefore no candidate or party should use children below 18 years of age for campaigning. The ECI said legal action would be taken against those who do not follow the instructions.

Child labourers cannot not be used during the election campaign. Instructing all the candidates and political parties to strictly abide by the rules in this regard, the ECI said that child labour was prohibited in campaigning, transportation of campaign materials and election-related activities.

Child Labour Act bans the employment of children in specified occupations such as transport of goods etc. which are considered unsafe to child workers and regulates the conditions of work of children in employment.

Women's Congress meet in city from Mar. 25

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (PM&DM)- A two-day State-level meet of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Women's wing will take place in city on Mar. 25 and 26.

Announcing this at a press meet here on Thursday, KPCC Women's wing State President Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath said that the meeting will take place at Olive Garden, opposite Horse Park on Maharana Pratap Singh Road, Nazarbad in city.

Pointing out that over 250 office-bearers and district Presidents of Women Congress of all 36 organisational districts will be taking part, she said that AICC Women's Wing President Netta D'Souza will take part.

Stating that the meet inauguration will take place at 10.30 am tomorrow (Mar.25), Dr. Pushpa said that the meet will discuss the strategies to be adopted for the forthcoming Assembly polls.

When asked how many seats the Congress will allot to women, Dr. Pushpa said that there were less women aspirants in Mysuru region and the party would consider their winnability before allotting tickets. The High Command would take a decision in this regard, she added.

Replying to a question on whether she would contest from T. Narasipur Assembly segment, Dr. Pusha maintained that she is not as aspirant for the seat. Already former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and his son have done a lot of work there and she would support them.

Arguing that Rajiv Gandhi as the Prime Minister had given reservation for women in local bodies, she said that she could become the Mysuru ZP President only because of this reservation. KPCC Women's wing Vice-President Pushpavalli, City President and former Mayor Pushpalatha Chikkanna and District President Latha Siddashetty were present.

Ex-MLA Vasu re-elected as President of Mysore Industries Association

Vasu | Vishwanath | Suresh Kumar | Sathish | Ramannavar

Mysuru, Mar. 24- Former MLA Vasu has been re-elected as the President of Mysore Industries Association (MIA), for the second term.

The following were unanimously elected as office-bearers of MIA for 2023-2025 at the bi-annual elections and AGM held on March 19 at the MIA premises on KRS Road, Metagalli, Mysuru.

Former Mayor P. Vishwanath - Vice-President; Suresh Kumar Jain - General Secretary; N. Satish - Joint Secretary; Shreeshail Ramannavar - Treasurer.

The Executive Committee Members are: G. Sathish - Donthi Floor Mills; M.V. Ritesh Gowda - Leefa Hygiene and Health Care; M. Harsha - Planet Friendly Enterprises; Gevaram - Chamunda Industries; George Kumar - Star Engineering Works; P. Kumar - Natural Ice Cream; U.S. Sadashiv - Manjunatha Industries; N. Lingarajegowda - Mysore Precision Components; Women Reserved Category: Seema Tanveer - Lotus Gas Distributors.

MLA Tanveer Sait, Corporators to invite Siddharamaiah to contest from N.R. Constituency

Former Mayor and current Corporator Ayub Khan seen with MLA Tanveer Sait at the latter's residence in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar. 24 - Even as the uncertainty continues over Opposition leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah's choice of Constituency for the forthcoming Assembly polls, N.R. MLA Tanveer Sait and several Corporators have decided to invite the former CM to contest from N.R. Constituency.

All MCC Corporators from the Congress gathered at MLA Tanveer Sait's residence in Udayagiri here and deliberated in detail on the prospects of the former CM contesting from N.R. Assembly segment. With Sait expressing his desire on not contesting the Assembly polls due to health reasons, the meeting resolved to invite the former CM to contest from N.R. Assembly segment. The meeting also decided to take a Congress delegation to the residence of Siddharamaiah at Bengaluru yesterday evening and try to convince him on contesting from N.R. Assembly segment, which is considered as a Congress bastion for decades.

Tanveer Sait told mediapersons that he had appealed Siddharamaiah to contest from N.R. Assembly segment in the past too. Maintaining that Siddharamaiah had served the people of the State and became a popular leader among the masses through his initiatives while he headed the Congress Government, he said that the former CM who is from Mysuru should contest from any Constituency here.

Siddharamaiah

As such, he and Congress Corporators have invited Siddharamaiah to contest from N.R. Assembly segment, he noted. He further said that all Congress workers and himself will work hard unitedly to ensure the former CM's victory.

Meanwhile in an interesting development, State JD(S) President C.M. Ibrahim is said to be mulling on contesting from N.R. Assembly segment, even as N.R. Congress MLA Tanveer Sait has decided to invite Siddharamaiah to contest from his Constituency. N.R. JD(S) leader Abdulla, who contested the Assembly polls last time, has said that Ibrahim is likely to contest from the Constituency. The Constituency may witness a keen battle between Siddharamaiah and Ibrahim, if the two leaders opt to contest against each other.

Police Band, Gurukiran set musical mood at Palace

Mysuru, Mar. 24 (MK&BS) - The music performance of Karnataka Police Band and musical nite of popular Sandalwood Music Director Gurukiran set the mood last evening.

On the second day of three-day 'Ugadi Sangeethotsava' organised at Mysore Palace premises, the music connoisseurs were treated with a mix of beats of percussions, ear-soothing songs and the glory of dance performance.

The artistes of Karnataka Police Band led by Band Master R. Mohan, rendered the kritis of Saint Thyagaraja, Muthaiah Bhagavathar and several other composers setting the tone for a musical extravaganza.

'Gurukiran Nights,' the musical nite by noted Music Director Gurukiran and troupe set the tempo for the evening, with dancers of Boys Groups dancing for 'Jai Sriram, Jai Bhajarangi' song. The music buffs came under the spell as singer Anuradha Bhat rendered the song 'Sri Chamundeshwari Amma,' singer Chaitra sang 'Omkara Abhinaya Veda' from the movie 'Aaptharakshaka' and singer Nitin Rajaram Shastri from Mysuru sang 'Ee Kannada Mannannu Maribeda.'

Gurukiran, who hit the stage with the song 'Ooru Andre Ooru Idu Namma Mysuru, Sooru Andre Sooru Idu Namma Mysuru,' belted out five songs on a spree, including the emotional song 'Amma Nannee Januma' from the film 'Amma I Love You', besides shaking legs with the dancers.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra and Deputy Director of Mysore Palace Board T. S. Subramanya handed over the mementos to the artistes.

Today, English Police Band at 6 pm; Music programme by Vasuki Vaibhav and troupe - 7 pm to 9.30 pm.

Anuradha Bhat and Nitin Rajaram Shastri performing at Palace.

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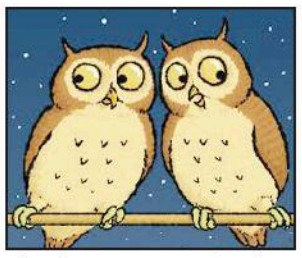
WORD OF THE DAY

Cahoots



Pronunciation: kuh-HOOTS.
Meaning: Cahoots is an informal word that is usually used in the phrase "in cahoots" to describe a partnership or alliance for making or implementing secret plans.
Origin: Cahoots is used almost exclusively in the phrase "in cahoots," which means "in an alliance or partnership." In most contexts, cahoots describes the conspiring activity of people up to no good. (There's also the rare expression "go cahoots," meaning "to enter into a partnership," as in "they went cahoots on a new restaurant.") The word's origins are obscure, but it may come from the French word cahute, meaning "cabin" or "hut," suggesting the notion of people hidden away working together in secret. Cahute, in turn, is a modification of the word hutte and is believed to have been influenced by cabane, another word for hut and cabin.
Example: "When a mild-mannered ad man ... is mistaken for a secret agent and finds himself in the crosshairs of a dangerous spy, suspense is a given. Add a romantic entanglement with the epically gorgeous Eva Marie Saint, who might or might not be in cahoots with the spies, and you've got [director Alfred] Hitchcock at his tongue-in-cheek best." — Amy Glynn

THE ODD WORD

Caduceator

Herald; messenger.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Camera cannot lie

Meaning: Literal meaning.
Origin: Printed photographs began to be available to the general public around the mid 19th century. When this phrase was coined, which appears to be just a few years later, the view that a photograph was a faithful representation of a scene, in a way that a subjective painting could never be, was a reasonable one. After all, the image that falls on the photographic plate is precisely what the camera is pointing at. Phrases like 'photographic memory' supported the view of photographs as precise and infallible records. Of course, 'the camera cannot lie' was coined before Photoshop.
Many of the earliest references to the phrase describe people's inability to believe that they look like their photographic portraits. Nevertheless, it may well be that the phrase was used ironically from the start. Whether or not people believed the notion of photographic veracity then, they certainly don't now. We know that the ubiquitous photographic images that fill our visual world are constructs rather than absolute truth. Photography very soon became more an art form and less a recording process. Now, with digital formats, we are hard pressed to tell reality from fiction.

QUOTE BOX

The best traveller is one without a camera. — **Kamand Kojouri**

RIDDLE THIS

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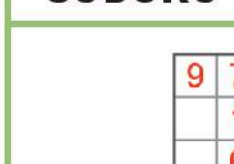

Answer: Checkmate.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Op. __
4 Ash-container
7 Kind of newt
10 Kinds, types or sorts
12 Actress ___ Peeples
13 Great delight
15 End of the world, the last judgement
17 Street
18 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
19 Harmful micro-organisms
20 Dirty or filthy
23 Accountants in the US in short
25 Course
26 Vladimir Putin's land?
29 Horizontal Situation Indicator
30 Bollywood's ___ Ki Khatir
31 Bangalore based IPL team
33 Coaches
36 Ladies' fingers
37 Lock openers
38 Stationed
39 Flight of steps
42 Alimentary canal
43 Underside of hand
44 Loyal
49 Arafat, for example
50 Former Russian abbreviation
51 Secure
52 Tech. Std. Order
53 Mountain pass
54 Parties

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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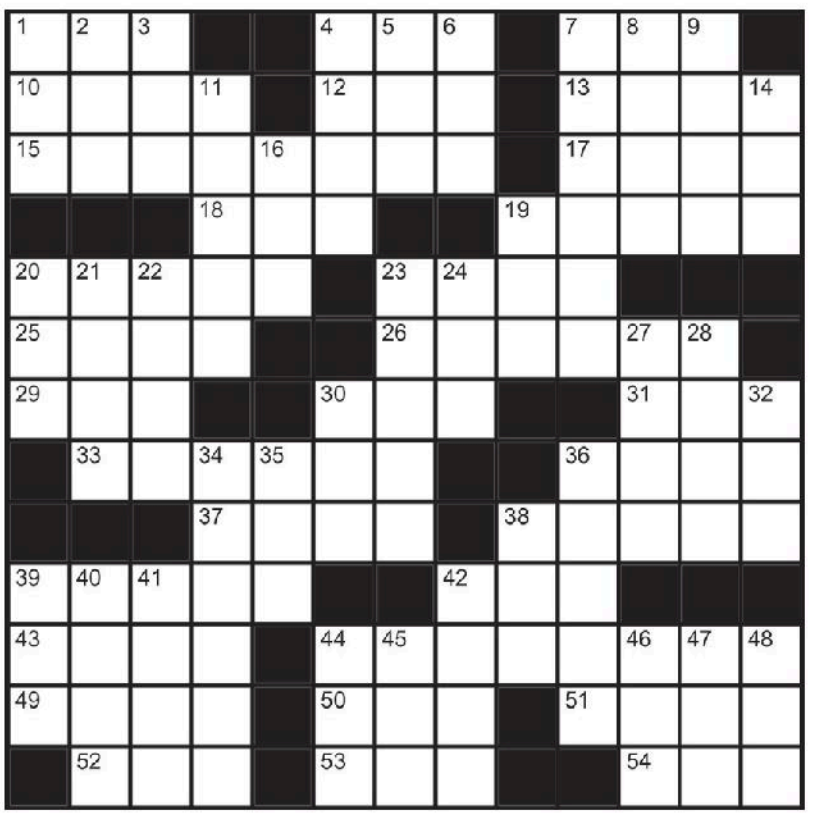
DOWN

1 Spanish hero, El ___
2 U.N. arm
3 Bout ender: abbr.
4 Reverse
5 Inlet for "air" change!
6 A negative vote
7 Way out, exit
8 Film of yeast on the surface of wine
9 A number of players
11 Break into pieces
14 Walsh and O'Neill
16 Pig-house
19 A cooking fuel
20 Miles per hour
21 Compass point
22 Respectful form of address to superiors
23 Unrefined
24 Young animal
27 Causes irritation
28 Field measure
30 This, that or the other
32 Evil or sinful
34 With hands on hips and elbows out
35 Suffix with "cash" or "sold"
36 Pledges or promises
38 Nevertheless
39 Masseur's place
40 Bitter sweet
41 Cry of grief
42 Young female
44 Fuel Sys. Controller
45 Kyushu mountain
46 Current fashion or craze
47 Alien vehicle
48 Boy's name, in short



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	1	6	3	9	7	4	5	8
3	4	9	1	5	8	6	2	7
5	7	8	2	6	4	3	9	1
1	9	7	6	4	2	5	8	3
6	8	5	9	1	3	2	7	4
4	2	3	7	8	5	1	6	9
9	6	2	4	7	1	8	3	5
8	3	1	5	2	9	7	4	6
7	5	4	8	3	6	9	1	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EJPICEQ UTE ITAG ATSMG LCPIJMP

KGCEQ TE JKYGUP JH MPCSCPX.

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Bheed (H)	(S-1)	4.35 pm
	(S-3)	7.20 pm, 9.50 pm
John Wick Chapter 4 (E)	(S-1)	6.55 pm, 10.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.35 am
Vellari Pattanam (Ma)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 10.05 pm
Das Ka Dhamki (Te)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 4.30 pm
Kabza (K)	(S-2)	7.25 pm
	(S-3)	1.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.35 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.45 pm
Mrs. Chatterjee Vs Norway (H)	(S-3)	4.40 pm

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Kabzaa (K)	:	1.00 pm, 2.20 pm
		4.00 pm, 5.05 pm
		7.45 pm, 9.00 pm
1921 Puzha Muthal Puzhavare (Ma)	:	7.00 pm

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		7.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Kabzaa (K)	:	10:30 am, 12.30 pm, 1.30 pm
		3.30 pm, 4.30 pm, 6.30 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.30 pm, 10:30 pm
Das Ka Dhamki (Te)	:	12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 6.45 pm
		10.00 pm
Demon Slayer (Japanese)	:	12.35 pm
Bheed (H)	:	12.50 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.00 pm
Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	:	3.05 pm, 9.30 pm
Vellaripattanam (Ma)	:	3.25 pm
Shazam! Fury of Gods (E)	:	6.35 pm

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Kabzaa (K)	:	10.00 am, 12.00 noon,
		1.00 pm, 3.00 pm
		4.00 pm, 6.00 pm,
		7.00 pm, 9.00 pm
		9.30 pm, 10.00 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	:	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Rangamarthanda (Te)	:	12.05 pm, 6.15 pm
Shazam! Fury of Gods (E)	:	3.20 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MARCH 24)

- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City and District Unit:** Vachana Gayana by Madalambika and troupe of Sri Rajarajeshwari Akkana Balaga, Mysuru, **4.30 pm;** Conferring of 'Shakuntala Jayadeva Sharana Prashasti - 2022' on retd. Principal and writer Dr. Chandrashekaraiah and social worker and writer Mallika Malavalli (K.B. Gurumallamma) by Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, CESC Managing Director Jayavibhavaswamy inaugurates the event, Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat Bengaluru President Apparao Akkone presides, Karnataka Police Training School-Mysuru Principal M.S. Geetha Prasanna chief guest, writer Dr. C. Naganna delivers felicitation address, award donor Shakuntala Jayadeva guest of honour, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, M.G. Road, **5 pm.**
- **ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE):** Inauguration of ATMEya-2K23 - Annual Cultural Fest, model Thanishka Murthy chief guest, Nagarahole RFO Ashok Paramananda guest of honour, ATMECE Chairman L. Arunkumar presides, **5.30 pm;** Honouring of Life Savers Family Members, Fashion Walk by students and staff members of ATMECE, **6.45 pm;** 'Ardhambardha' Kannada movie promotion by Kannada Bigg Boss Fame K.P. Aravind and Divya Uruduga and team, **7.45 pm;** Music Concert by singer Raghu Dixit and team, College premises, **8 pm.** [Mob: 99022-38768]
- **Trayinyas Shrividya Foundation:** 14th Vasantha Navarathri Mahotsav, Sri Mahaprathyangeera Homa, #8, 7th Main, 3rd Block, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm.**
- **Ganapati Seva Mandali Trust:** 4th Ramotsava, Bhajans by Yashaswini Bhajana Mandali, **6 pm;** 'Dasara Pada' by Padmanabha Rao, Rajat Sabha Mantapa, Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Bharathi Sthree Samaja Cultural & Educational Charitable Trust:** Sri Ramanavami Festival, discourse by Dr. B.N. Vijayendracharya, Trust premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Mysore Palace Board:** Ugadi Sangeethotsava, English Police Band, **6 pm;** Music programme by **Vasuki Vaibhav** and troupe, **7 pm to 9.30 pm;** Palace premises, Palace illumination, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**

- **Ganabharathi:** Veena-Gaana Navollasa, Veena Recital by Dr. Shobhana Swaminathan, accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Shashishankar on ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club, Mysuru:** Talk on 'Mother-of-Pearl cloud in Scotland' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, Chamundi Children's Home, II Stage Brindavan Extension, **6 pm.** [Mob: 96323-15924]
- **Sri Ramaseva Mandali Charitable Trust, Mysore North:** 29th Sri Ramanavami festivities, Saxophone recital by Vid. Harish Pandava from Mysuru, accompanied by Vid. M. Keshava (violin), Vid. B.S. Prashanth (mridanga) and Vid. Sharath Kaushik (ghata), Sri Prasanna Parvati Kalyana Mantapa, V.V. Mohalla, **6.15 pm.**
- **Mysuru District Amateur Theatre Artistes Forum and Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru:** 'Mysuru Ranga Habba' (Mysuru Theatre Festival) marking World Theatre Day celebrations, staging of play 'Namma Nimmolagobba' by Dechi Creations, Mysuru (Playwright: Rajendra Karanth; Director: P. Sreyas), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, Hunsur Road, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 25)

- **District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru and Ajit Prakashana:** Book release — Dr. N.R. Chandregowda's 'Rajakeeya Mutsadi mattu Neeravari Tajna: H.N. Nanjegowdaru' and 'Vilokana' and Dr. Avarekadu Vijaykumar's 'Mareyada Manikya' — by MLC Maritibbegowda, former MLA K. Venkatesh and KSOU Registrar Prof. KLN Murthy, former MLA A. Manju and Rekha Purushotham & Trishit Gowda (daughter-in-law and grandson of former Minister late H.N. Nanjegowda), District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal presides; Geeta Gayana by G. Amma Ramachandra and troupe, District Kannada Sahitya Bhavan, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10 am.**
- **Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI), Mysuru and MMC Alumni Association (MAA):** Unveiling ceremony of 'Maharshi Sushruta' statue, Dr. G. N. Narayana Reddy, alumnus of MMC's 1949 batch and former Director of NIMHANS, Bengaluru, unveils the statue, Dr. M.A. Shekar Vice-Chancellor, Adichunchanagiri University, Bellur; Dr. C. G. Narasimhan, an alumnus of MMC and donor of the statue and MAA President Dr. S. Chandrashekar, guests of honour, MMC&RI Director & Dean Dr. K. R. Dakshayini presides, newly-constructed Academic Complex (Old Exhibition campus), **11 am.**
- **Mysuru Readers:** 'K.P. Poornachandra Tejaswi Fan Meet', Chintana Chavadi (Mini Open Air Theatre), Kalamandira premises, **4.00 pm.** [Mob: 83105-78413]
- **ATME College of Engineering (ATMECE):** Inauguration of ATMEya-2K23 - Annual Cultural Fest, Talent Show by ATME students, **4.30 pm;** Flash Mob by ATME students, **6.30 pm;** Comedy Show by 'Gichi Gili Gili' team (Chandraprabha, Raghavendra and Vinod Gobbargala), **7.30 pm;** DJ Performance by 'City Rush' (DJ Ashwin), College premises, Mysuru-Kanakapura-Bengaluru Road, **8.30 pm.** [Mob: 99022-38768]
- **Bharathi Sthree Samaja Cultural & Educational Charitable Trust:** Sri Ramanavami Festival, Music Programme 'Santharu Kanda Rama Hanuma,' Trust premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Ishtanathanandaji speaks on 'Atmabodha,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Ganapati Seva Mandali Trust:** 4th Ramotsava, 'Devaranama' by Sinchana, **6 pm;** Discourse on 'Mankutimmana Kagga' by Natesh, Rajat Sabha Mantapa, Ganapati Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
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INOX LIVE the MOVIE

Mall of Mysore - Mob. : 7829999465

Kabzaa (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm
		7.25 pm, 10.15 pm
	(S-3)	9.40 am, 12.30 pm
		3.20 pm, 6.10 pm
John Wick : Chapter 4 (E)	(S-1)	12.15 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	9.00 pm; (S-4) 10.00 am
Mrs. Chatterjee vs Norway (H)	(S-4)	4.35 pm
Tu Jhooti Main Makkaar (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
	(S-4)	1.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Vellaripattanam (Ma)	(S-4)	7.25 pm

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Kabzaa (K)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.25 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-2)	11.10 am, 2.00 pm
		4.50 pm, 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Shazam: Fury of Gods (E)	(S-1)	12.40 pm
Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar (H)	(S-1)	6.15 pm
Bheed (H)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 12.45 pm
	(S-4)	7.55 pm
Das Ka Dhamki (Te)	(S-4)	4.50 pm, 10.20 pm
John Wick: Chapter 4 (E)	(S-3)	3.10 pm, 6.35 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-4)	10.00 am, 1.25 pm

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